

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1157

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Charlotte Locke on her selection as Teacher of the Year at Jere Whitson Elementary School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Charlotte Locke is one such estimable educator who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Locke has recently been selected as Teacher of the Year at Jere Whitson Elementary School, an honor most befitting her outstanding teaching career as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, a student herself with a thirst for knowledge, Ms. Locke obtained a Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education in 1977 from Tennessee Technological University, a Master of Arts in Art Education degree in 1980 from Southern Methodist University, and a Master of Arts in Reading Education degree in 1988 from Tennessee Technological University; she also studied Theological Studies at Vanderbilt's Divinity School, and

WHEREAS, Charlotte Locke has served with acumen and alacrity as a teacher for twenty-one exemplary years; she has worked in a variety of capacities at numerous schools, including as a reading and math teacher in Georgia's Cherokee Elementary School (1977-1978), as a kindergarten teacher at Virginia's Ridgeway Elementary School (1980-1981), as a substitute teacher in Putnam County Public Schools (1985-1986), as a third grade language arts teacher at Georgia's Tunnel Hill Elementary School (1988-1991), as a kindergarten teacher in Metro Nashville Public Schools' Gateway Elementary School (1991-1994), as a first and fourth grade teacher at Maryland's Rock Hall Elementary School (1994-1996). She has worked in Putnam County Schools since 1996 as a fifth grade teacher at Prescott Central Middle School

(1996-2000), a substitute teacher (2001-2002), and in Jere Whitson Elementary School since 2002 as a Title I teacher, a preschool teacher (2003-2005), and as a second grade teacher; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Locke gives back to her profession through her membership in various professional organizations, including the International Reading Association; and

WHEREAS, distinguishing herself as an educational leader, Charlotte Locke has participated in numerous educational leadership activities, including serving as a teacher in-service facilitator for Putnam County Schools in 1999 and 2007, as a facilitating teacher for a student teacher field experience with Maryland's Department of Education, as a reading specialist consultant with the Kent County School System in Maryland, as a peer evaluator in Georgia, and as a language arts consultant at Tunnel Hill Elementary School in Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Locke's excellence as an educator has been duly recognized by her receipt of a many honors and awards, including a grant from the Metro Nashville Public Education Foundation and the Best of Show Award from the 1998 Upper Cumberland Art Alliance Exhibition; and

WHEREAS, Charlotte Locke is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Locke truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Charlotte Locke truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Charlotte Locke on being chosen as Teacher of the Year at Jere Whitson Elementary School, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.